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I, Thomas H. Barrows hereby declare and state the following:

1. I have personal knowledge of the following facts and I make this declaration in support of the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/810,518 before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I am one of the inventors of the invention described and claimed in the above-noted application.
2. I am currently employed as Technical Director at Aderans Research Institute, a position I have held since 2002. Prior to that I was employed as Vice President of Research & Development at BioAmide, Inc.
3. My *Curriculum Vitae* is attached as Appendix A.

4. I am the inventor of the subject matter of the above-identified application and I am familiar with the art and with the prosecution history of this application.


5. I have reviewed the Final Office action dated August 29, 2007, as well as the references cited therein. It is my understanding that the Examiner has rejected claims 32-45 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0049839. It is further my understanding that the Examiner has rejected claims 46 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0049839, in view U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0090725.

6. Tissue engineered skin cells are not recognized in the art as being capable of hair follicle neogenesis. The hair follicle is a complex structure comprising at least ten different cell types. Accordingly, hair follicle neogenesis is a complex process. Naturally occurring cells within the skin, when cultured, are capable of making new skin but are not capable of making new hair.

7. Skin grafts, known as cultured epithelial autografts, may be carried out using cultures containing only epithelial cells.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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APPENDIX A

SUMMARY: Tissue engineering of human hair follicle-inducing grafts, product development, research management, biomedical materials.

EXPERIENCE:

2002-Present Aderans Research Institute, Atlanta, GA
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TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

- Coordinated product development in Atlanta with research in Philadelphia.
- Promoted and supervised development of the pig as an animal model for hair transplant research.
- Recruited a VP of Operations to replace outgoing former BioAmide VP in 2003.
- Supervised the transition of a start-up (BioAmide) to a full-scale research institute.

1999-2002 BioAmide, Inc., Atlanta, GA

VICE PRESIDENT, R&D

- Initiated a project on the development of implants for tissue-engineered hair.
- Set-up a cell culture laboratory at Emtech Biotechnology, Inc. and hired a cell-biologist to perform hair follicle induction research.
- Established a Scientific Advisory Board including experts in dermatologic surgery, pathology, and research.
- Obtained IRB approval and conducted a human clinical investigation.
- Achieved the first documented clinical demonstration of follicle neogenesis and hair grow *via* implantation of cultured cells on a bioabsorbable polymer scaffold (*i.e.* tissue-engineered hair).
- Participated in negotiations leading to acquisition by Aderans in 2002.

1999-2000 Georgia Tech/Emory Center for the Engineering of Living Tissues, Atlanta, GA

AFFILIATE

- Collaborated with Prof. Robert Guldberg and graduate student Angela Lin on the development and evaluation of high-strength scaffolds for tissue engineered bone.
- Managed a project on bioabsorbable fiber-reinforced composite pin manufacture and performance testing at Georgia Tech (with Prof. Guldberg and Angela Lin) and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (with Prof. Spruiell and Regina Holmes).

1996-1999 Focal, Inc., Lexington, MA

PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST

- Supervised the Materials Research Team leading to the synthesis, scale-up, pre-clinical, and clinical development of FocalSeal-STTM for use in neurosurgery to prevent cerebrospinal fluid leaks and subsequent infections and meningitis.

- Direct responsibility for supervision of four Ph.D. chemists and two B.S. degree chemists.

1985-1996 Life Sciences Sector Laboratory/3M, St. Paul, MN

SENIOR RESEARCH SPECIALIST

- Invented and developed a new semi-synthetic tissue sealant for use in lung surgery that was successfully evaluated in pre-clinical and clinical studies for safety and efficacy.
- Perfected and scaled-up monomer and polymer syntheses and purification procedures under GMP at pilot plant facilities in the US and France.

1978-1985 Life Sciences Sector Research Laboratory/3M, St. Paul, MN

RESEARCH SPECIALIST

- Conducted basic research in the metabolic fate of hydrolyzable polymers using carbon-14 labeled monomers.
- Invented a new class of bioabsorbable poly(ester-amides). Designed specific polymer structures for high performance fiber applications including absorbable sutures and ligament reconstruction implants.
- Identified and developed new product opportunities in the fields of peripheral nerve repair, fracture fixation and bone remodeling, drug delivery, skin stapling, and tissue adhesives.

1974-1978 Central Research Laboratories/3M, St. Paul, MN

SENIOR RESEARCH CHEMIST

- Synthesized polymers for tissue compatibility, bioabsorbability, tissue adhesive, and drug delivery studies.
- Performed analyses of bioabsorbable fiber performance characteristics using accelerated *in vitro* hydrolysis conditions.
- Conducted research on blown microfiber production of bioabsorbable polymers.

EDUCATION:

1974 Ph.D. Organic Chemistry, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
1969 B.S. Chemistry, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
1965 Sandy Springs High School, Atlanta, GA

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

North American Hair Research Society

Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS)

The Society for Biomaterials
The American Chemical Society

HONORS: Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), Class of 1999.
Various awards bestowed by 3M including: The Circle of Technical Excellence Award, The Genesis Research Grant Award, and the Corporate Challenge '81 Award.

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